GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ERADICATION OF DIARRHOEA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the several people in Maharashtra dies untimely due to diarrhoea;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for the last three years;

(c) whether these deaths took place in villages due to lack of medical facilities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI):

(a) to (d) The cases of deaths due to diarrhoea, State-wise including Maharashtra for the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.Health is primarily a state subject and provision of medical relief for diseases like cholera etc. through primary and community health centers is looked after by the State Governments. Unsafe drinking water, poor sanitation and hygiene are some of the causes of diarrhoea. The preventive measures taken by the local health authorities include provision of safe drinking water, improvement of personal and community hygiene, safe disposal of human excreta, undertaking appropriate health education, surveillance and monitoring, distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets etc.

The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government Union Territories by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign, School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for taking quality related problems in respect of rural and urban drinking water supply. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi (NSCD) provides technical support to the State Governments and undertaking surveillance, earlier detection and prevention and control of outbreaks of communication diseases including diarrhoea. Technical support to improve the quality of drinking water is also envisaged to be provided by NICD Delhi. The Government of India has launched an Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme in November, 2004 to further strengthen identification of outbreaks of various diseases including diarrohea so that early intervention could be made and occurrence, disability and death due to such diseases could be reduced.